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1. DURING AN AUGUST 6 LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH THE  
POLITICAL COUNSELOR, MOFA DIRECTOR OF THE EAST ASIAN AND  
PACIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION CHOU TUNG-HUA PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION ON ROC UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THAILAND AND  
THE PHILIPPINES.

2. THAILAND: CHOU SAID THAT THE FIRST CHAPTER IN ROC/THAI  
DISCUSSIONS WAS CLOSED. NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON  
THE OPENING OF TRADE OFFICES, WHICH THE ROC DESIRED. WITH  
REGARD TO THE THAI PROPOSAL THAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR  
VISITORS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BE HANDLED AT OFFICES  
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OF CHINA AIRLINES AND THAI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, CHOU

SAID THAT WHILE THE GROC WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THIS SUGGESTION, IT HAD NOT REJECTED THE PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, THE GROC WAS NOT YET PREPARED TO RESPOND FORMALLY TO IT. HE DENIED THAT THE GROC HAD THREATENED TO REFUSE LANDING RIGHTS TO THAI INTERNATIONAL BUT SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REACHED WITH THAILAND TO PURCHASE MAIZE MIGHT NOT BE SIGNED (REF B).

3. ACCORDING TO CHOU, THE BALL IS IN BANGKOK'S COURT, AND THE GROC DOES NOT INTEND TO PUSH FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE THAI AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IF AFTER ONE OR TWO MONTHS THE THAI HAD NOT PICKED UP THE BALL, THE GROC MIGHT INITIATE OVERTURES.

4. PHILIPPINES: JOVITO A. RIVERA, WHO WILL LEAD THE PHILIPPINE TRADE OFFICE WILL ARRIVE IN TAIPEI THIS WEEK, AND CHOU EXPECTS THE OFFICE TO OPEN SHORTLY THEREAFTER. ORIGINALLY, THE ROC HAD HOPED TO SEND 30 OR MORE PEOPLE TO WORK IN ITS OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, BUT MANILA HAD INSISTED ON A LEVEL OF 25 (EXCLUDING LOCAL STAFF) IN EACH OFFICE. THE ROC OFFICE WILL BE TEMPORARILY LOCATED IN THE MAGSAYSAY BUILDING BUT WILL BE LOOKING FOR LARGER PREMISES ELSEWHERE.

5. BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATIONS SET BY MANILA ON THE SIZE OF THE TOTAL STAFF, CHOU SAID, THE GROC HAD DECIDED AGAINST OPENING BRANCH OFFICES IN CEBU AND DAVEO. SIMILARLY, THE PHILIPPINES WOULD OPEN NO BRANCH OFFICES IN TAIWAN. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, IN ADDITION TO THE PHILIPPINE TRADE OFFICE, AN OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL EXPORT TRADING CORPORATION, OF WHICH RIVERA IS GENERAL MANAGER, WILL ALSO BE OPENED IN TAIPEI SHORTLY.

6. CHOU SAID THAT THE ROC/PHILIPPINE TRADE OFFICE ARRANGEMENT WOULD PERMIT BOTH COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT ALL THE WORK THAT AN EMBASSY WOULD NORMALLY PERFORM BUT THAT BOTH OFFICES WOULD MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE. BOTH COULD ISSUE VISAS IN A NORMAL FASHION. ROC VISAS ISSUED IN THE PHILIPPINES, HE ADDED, WOULD BE "IN THE NAME OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

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7. COMMENT: IT WAS APPARENT FROM CHOU'S REMARKS THAT THE GROC HOPES TO OBTAIN FROM THE THAI AN AGREEMENT SIMILAR IN SCALE TO THAT DEVELOPED WITH THE PHILIPPINES. THEREFORE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE GROC WILL AGREE TO THE THAI SUGGESTION FOR AIRLINES' HANDLING OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION UNLESS IT CONCLUDES THAT THE THAI WILL AGREE TO NOTHING MORE. IT WAS ALSO CLEAR FROM WHAT CHOU SAID THAT ANY

LIMITATIONS PLACED ON THE LEVEL OF GROG RELATIONS WITH THE  
PHILIPPINES OR THAILAND WOULD BE THE RESULT OF THAI OR  
PHIL OBJECTIONS. THE GROG ITSELF WOULD PREFER TO  
ESTABLISH AS WIDE-RANGING A SYSTEM FOR UNOFFICIAL  
RELATIONS AS POSSIBLE. UNGER

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